

Amendment No. 1 to SB1465

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1465

House Bill No. 159*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1005 of the Public Acts of 2018, is amended by deleting the following language from Section 2:

This act shall expire on June 30, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-703(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) Compile data on suicide deaths, including, but not limited to, the medications that were prescribed to the deceased;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-703(b)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(5) Submit a report to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate no later than June 30, 2020, and by June 30 every two (2) years thereafter, recommending any necessary programs or policies to prevent suicide deaths in this state.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 7, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) The records of individuals licensed under title 63 and of facilities licensed under title 33 or 68 must be made available to the team described in § 68-3-703(b), upon written or electronic request, by either direct access to facility electronic data systems or by facsimile, email, or paper copies of the record as necessary to complete the review of a specific fatality and effectuate the intent of this part.

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(b) All confidential information and records acquired by the team in the exercise of its duties remain confidential, are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any proceeding, and may only be disclosed as necessary to carry out the purpose of the team and this part. However, the team shall periodically make available, in a general manner that does not reveal confidential information and records, the aggregate findings of team reviews and recommendations as specified in § 68-3-703(b)(5).

(c) Meetings of the team are not subject to title 8, chapter 44, part 1. Any minutes or other information generated during official meetings of the team must be sealed from public inspection. However, this subsection (c) does not prohibit a person from testifying in a civil or criminal action about matters within that person's independent knowledge.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.